

KITTERY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – MINUTES – **APPROVED**

February 24, 2015

Regular Meeting

Conference Room A

1. Call to Order.
Chairman Dow called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.
2. Roll Call.
Answering the call were Chairman George Dow, Councilor Charles Denault, Kittery Town Manager Nancy Colbert Puff, John Carlson and Tom Emerson. Absent were Stephen Kosacz and Pat Trevino.
3. Agenda Amendment/Adoption. None
4. Acceptance of Previous Minutes.
Without objection, the Chairman cast one vote to approve the minutes of meetings on 01/06/2015 as presented.
5. All items involving visitors / requested officials.

None.
6. Committee Reports.
None
7. Unfinished Business.
 - A. Chairman Dow reviewed with the Committee the Report to Council and the action by the Kittery Town Council to extend the sunset period of the EDC to 12/31/2015.
 - B. Chairman reviewed the Committee's last meeting conversation regarding inviting individuals from various groups, e.g. Planning Board, CPC, local realtor's, Foreside Forum groups and local business owners regarding business growth and development. The group was in agreement that we should identify those groups that would best be positioned to speak to growth and business opportunities within Kittery.
 - C. Mr. Carlson requested information concerning his correspondence to Susan Johnson at Traip Academy, who currently serves as the Coordinator for Student Internships, and in particular the York Hospital. Mr. Carlson spoke to his conversation with Mr. Judd Knox of the YH and his willingness to have interested Traip students that might be interested in the medical field to come in as observers. This information was provided to Susan Johnson by Mr. Carlson. Also the York Hospital currently does this with the York H.S. Chairman Dow said he would submit and email to Mrs. Johnson on this matter requesting an update.
8. New Business.
 - A. Kittery Town Manager Nancy Colbert-Puff brought the Committee up to speed on several business development projects taking place in Kittery, e.g. Hotel coming to Dansk Outlet site, Mr. Cullen is continuing to work with development opportunities for his property in the identified Business Park; York County communities are starting to investigate the opportunities of developing and EB5 District which is intended to allow foreign investors to contribute monies to schools and local business as a means of development and growth that brings benefit to the communities as well as foreign citizens; new restaurant

"Farm bar & Grill" which is scheduled to open soon and is located on State Road.

B. Chairman Dow requested that the committee look to have extended discussions at its next meeting. Topics to discuss:

1. Parking garage next to the Rice Public Library
2. Foreside Forum review
3. Tentative Plans for the Rice Public Library
4. Review of business opportunities on North route 1 corridor
5. Review of 2015 Year ahead goals/plans – What are they?
6. Set calendar for meetings and presenters
7. Discussions on when EDC should engage in property concerns that have a business aspect to them, i.e. Old Armory Way and the 8 Boat Slip aspect that would bring foot traffic to the Kittery Foreside and also new residential growth to the community there.

9. Committee Member Issues or Comments.

10. Meeting Schedule & Adjournment.

NEXT MEETING: TBD

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by the Mr. Denault. Seconded by Mr. Carlson. All in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 6:35PM.

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